

House Resolution 1305

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Williams of the 89th, Bruce of the 64th, Mosby of the 90th, Bryant of the 160th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Pari-mutuel Betting and Casino Gambling; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, studies indicate nationally pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling are
4 multibillion dollar industries employing significant numbers of individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's economy would benefit from the increased tax revenues
6 and aid in meeting the budgetary demands of government; and

7 WHEREAS, pari-mutuel betting and casino gambling would not be allowed in any county
8 without approval by local county referendum; and

9 WHEREAS, the financial implications for the state of such legalization to fund health care
10 programs in Georgia deserve to be considered and studied.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Study Committee on Pari-mutuel Betting and Casino Gambling
13 to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the
15 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
16 committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
18 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
19 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
20 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
21 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
22 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members

1 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
2 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the
4 event that the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations with
5 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December
6 31, 2006. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.